

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to recognize the week of February 24-28, 2020 as Public Schools Week.

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SENATE RESOLUTION _____

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION to recognize the week of
2 February 24-28, 2020 as Public Schools Week.

3 *Whereas, Public education is the foundation of a*
4 *21st-century democracy;*

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6 *Whereas, Public Schools Week is a designated week for*
7 *public school administrators, teachers, specialists, teacher*
8 *educators, parents and school board members to host events for*
9 *their communities and reach out to lawmakers, businesses, and*
10 *other community members to discuss the importance of public*
11 *education;*

12 *Whereas, Indiana's public schools are where students*
13 *transform into educated citizens and learn to contribute to their*
14 *communities and to their state;*

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16 *Whereas, Strengthening public schools on local, state, and*
17 *federal levels through empowering local educational leaders is*
18 *essential. This requires relationships between legislators,*
19 *educators, parents, and other stakeholders as well as strong*
20 *counseling services, mental health services, and an array of*
21 *extracurricular activities;*

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1 *Whereas, Strong public schools cultivate an inclusive and*
2 *safe environment where children can learn to think critically,*
3 *problem solve, and build relationships;*

4 *Whereas, Every child, regardless of who they are or where*
5 *they live, has the right to an education that helps them reach*
6 *their full potential and to attend schools that offer a*
7 *high-quality educational experience;*

8 *Whereas, Advancing equity and excellence in public*
9 *education and implementing continuous improvement and*
10 *evidence-based practices is essential;*

11 *Whereas, Stable, equitable, predictable, and adequate*
12 *funding for great public schools is necessary to ensure that*
13 *students have inviting classrooms, school libraries with*
14 *up-to-date resources, and well-prepared, supported teachers,*
15 *and principals;*

16 *Whereas, Indiana's school buildings should have class sizes*
17 *small enough to allow students to receive one-on-one attention*
18 *and to access support services such as health care, nutrition,*
19 *and after-school programs when needed; and*

20 *Whereas, The successes of public school students and*
21 *teachers as well as the potential improvements to be made in*
22 *public schools are worthy of recognition and discussion:*
23 *Therefore,*

24 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
25 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

26 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes the week
27 of February 24-28, 2020 as Public Schools Week.

28 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
29 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Indiana Department
30 of Education and Governor Eric Holcomb.

